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MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA

1. DURING DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION ON MAY 27, FOREIGN MINISTER MONTIEL ASKED AMBASSADOR IF HE COULD CLARIFY U.S. PLICY TOWARDS CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA. MONTIEL SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA, ESPECIALLY DESPATCH OF CUBAN ADVISORS. BUT, HE SAID, IT WAS REPORTED TO HIM THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS HAD DECLARED IN LONDON THAT IT QTE MIGHT NOT BE A BAD THING UNQTE. THESE CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS, HE ADDED, ABOUT CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA LEFT HIM CONFUSED.

2. LT. GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA, JAMES FITZMORRIS, JR., ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO NICARAGUA TOLD AMBASSADOR ON FOLLOWING DAY THAT HIGH GON OFFICIALS EXPRESSED SAME DISQUIET AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT U.S.
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POSITION ON CUBA'S MILITARY PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

3. THE AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED TO FOREIGN MINISTER AND LT. GOVERNOR THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING THAT THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS IS REPORTED BY THE PRESS TO HAVE SAID, THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WAS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO CUBAN MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA AND WOULD VIEW THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN ETHIOPIA

AS AN UNDESIRABLE DEVELOPMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH GON MAY BE SOMEWHAT MORE FOCUSED ON POLICIES OF U.S.
AND CUBA THAN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THE ABOVE DESCRIBED
INDICATIONS OF CONFUSION RE U.S. POLICY VIS-A-VIS CUBA LIKELY
MAY BE FOUND IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

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